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Examiner	: Lynda Salvatore	
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Inventors	: Hiromi Takarada	Confirmation No.: 8937
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Title	: FABRIC FOR CLOTHING AND A	
	: PRODUCTION METHOD THEREOF	

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RESPONSE

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is submitted in response to the Official Action dated February 4, 2011.

All of the claims stand rejected under 35 USC §103 over a combination of Aranishi with Chen. The Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's comments applying the hypothetical combination against the claims. The Applicants respectfully submit, however, that the result of such a hypothetical combination would be a completely different woven or knitted fabric.

The rejection frankly acknowledges that Chen does not specifically disclose the claimed cellulose acetate propionate. The Applicants agree. Thus, the rejection turns to Aranishi for the teachings of such a cellulose acetate propionate. The rejection also frankly acknowledges that the combination of Aranishi with Chen still does not still disclose the diameter of the filament, the claimed molecular weight of the acyl units, initial tensile modulus, glass transition